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Amendment and Remarks Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination Following the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2006 ("Office Action"), and the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.132. Applicant likewise authorizes a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

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